生活維持省

志村貴子

Story-8

Living Maintenance

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Sorry, sorry
You owe me one
Where to next?
Ummm

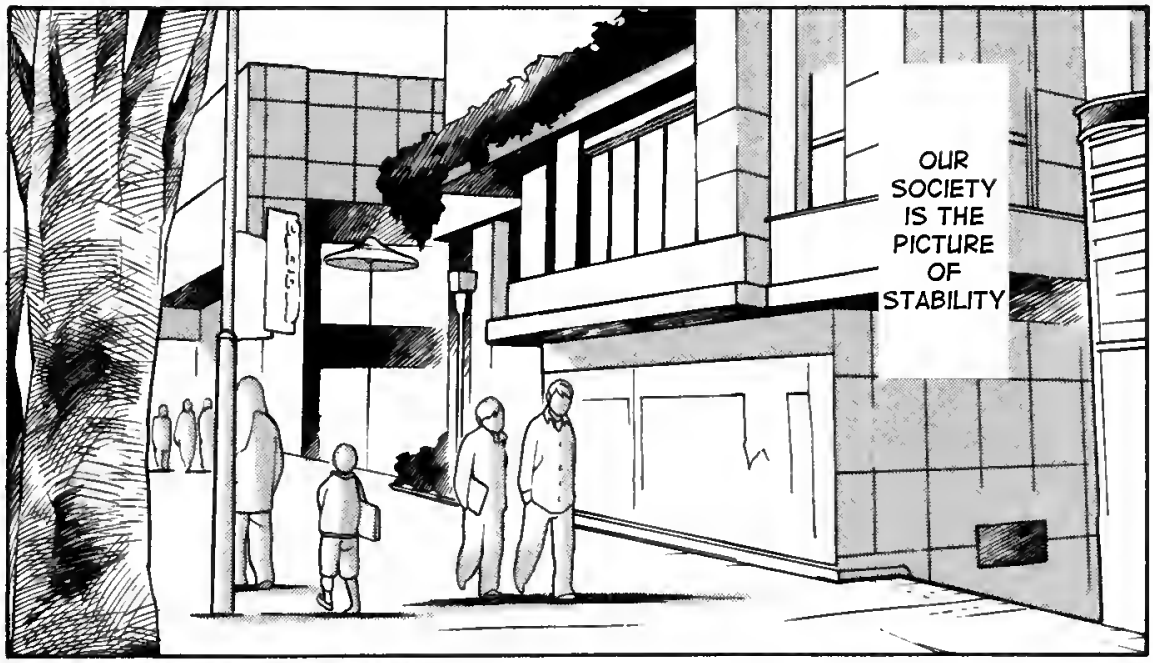
THE WEATHER AROUND HERE IS STILL NICE
WHO'S STILL PRAYING FOR THE START AND END OF THESE WONDER-FUL DAYS?
IT'S ALMOST ALWAYS LIKE THIS EVERY DAY
IT MIGHT GET A BIT HOT IN THE AFTERNOON

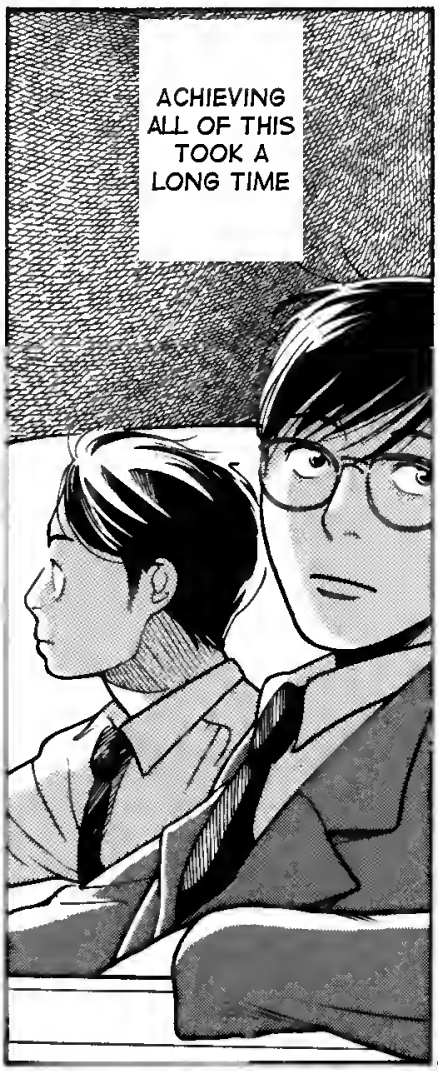
Good morning, chief
Then, this
is your job for today
The weather sure has been nice recently
Yeah
Oh, good morning

Okay
Time for work
Sounds good
I'll drive after noon
Can you drive before noon?
What are our directions today?

Well, the weather is nice, so why don't we take our time and drive around?
In random order, you mean?
Let's see...
Where?
Okay
Alright, tell me

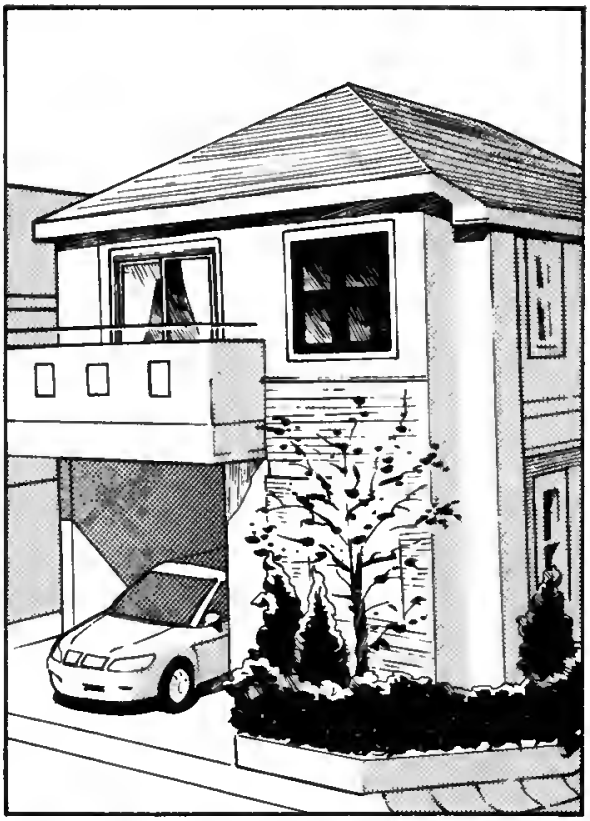
国道 350号
Uh, First, go straight down the highway
Yeah---
But we still have 2-3 years more of this before that's possible, huh
I want to get transferred to office work
Mmmm---


OUR SOCIETY IS THE PICTURE OF STABILITY

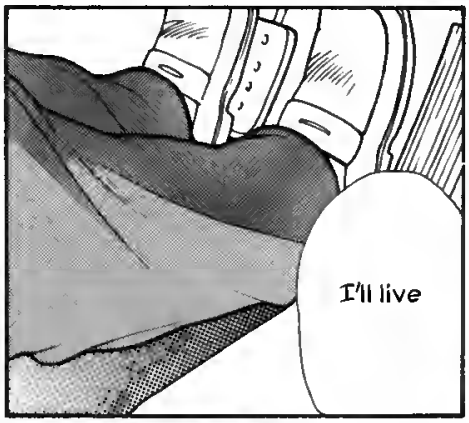

ACHIEVING ALL OF THIS TOOK A LONG TIME

THERE'S ALMOST NO CRIME

EVERY PERSON HAS A SUFFICIENT HOME

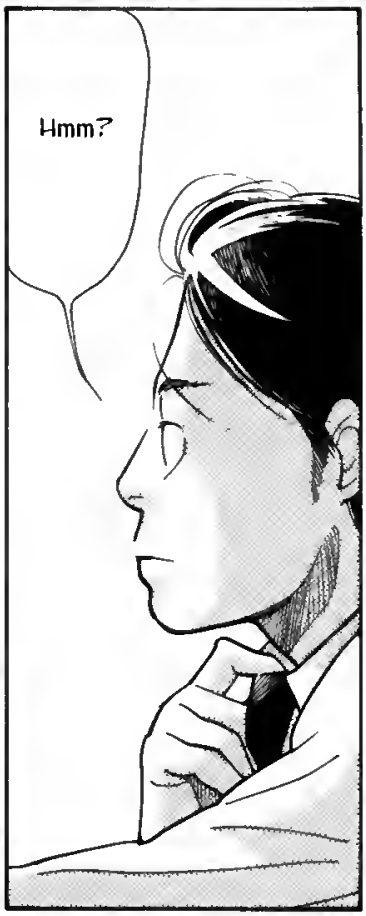


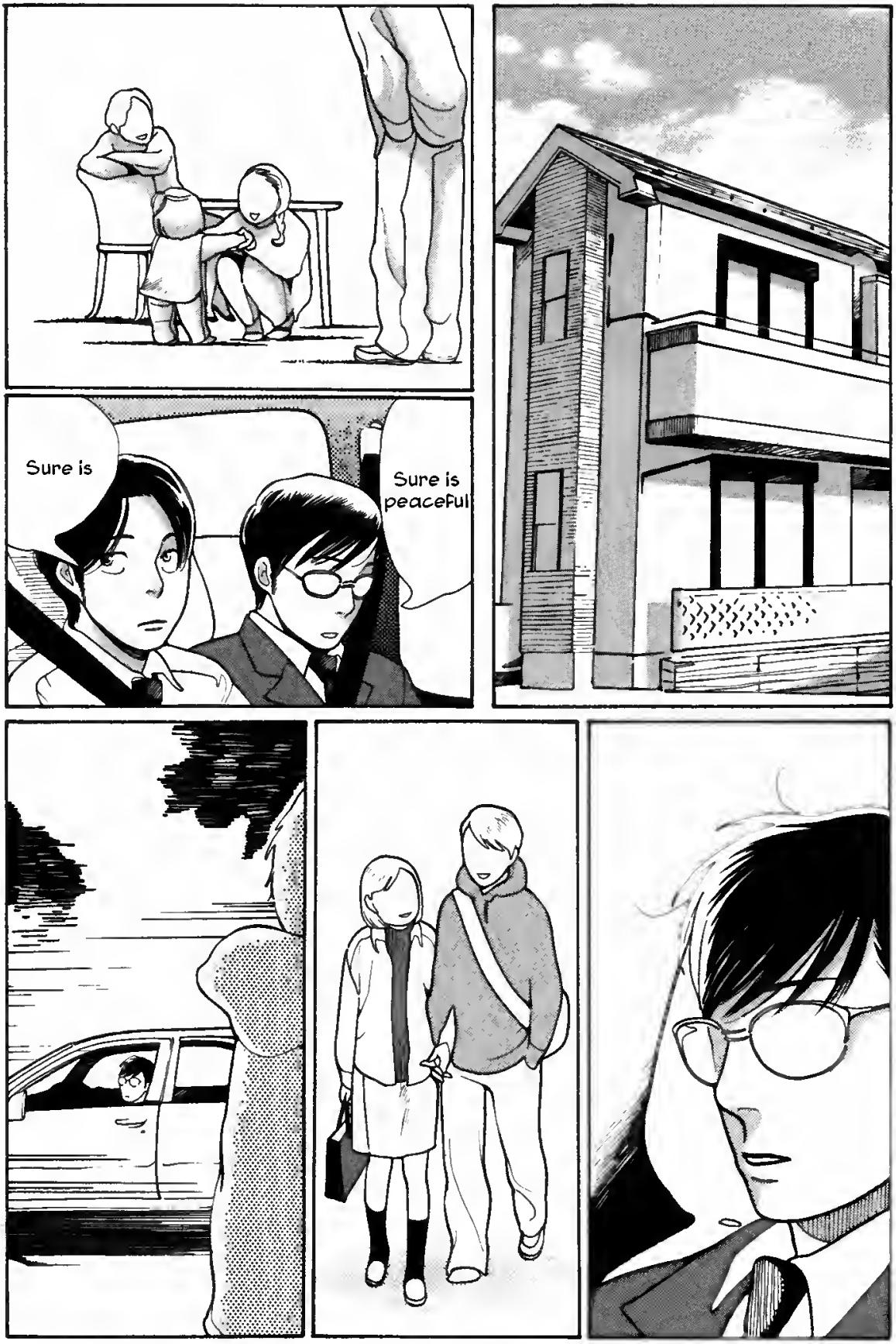
When I get transferred to office work, I'll live in a house like that

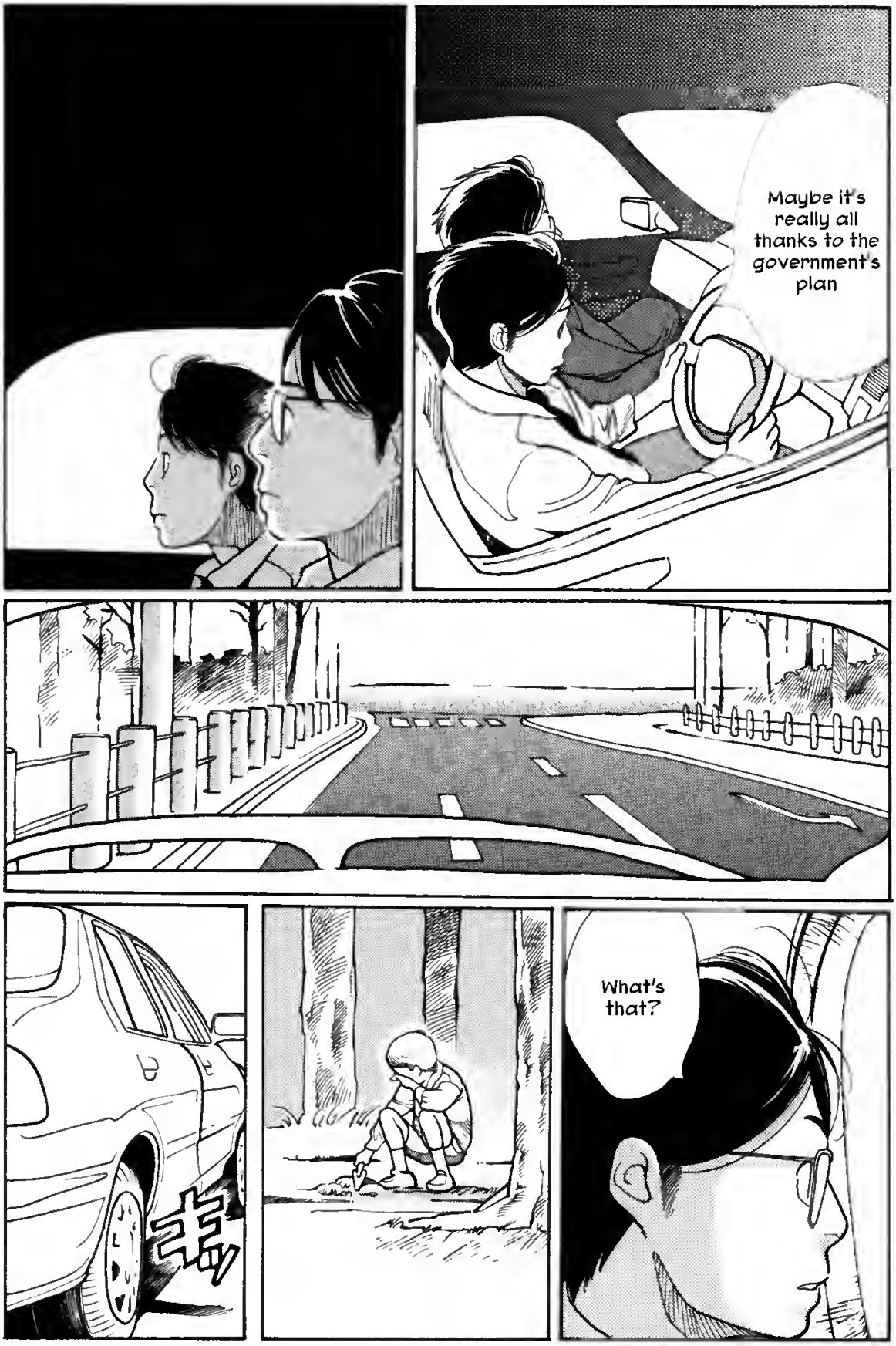

I'll live

in a place like that

What about you?
I'll get married and have one or two kids


Hmm?


Sure is
Sure is peaceful


Maybe it's really all thanks to the government's plan
What's that?

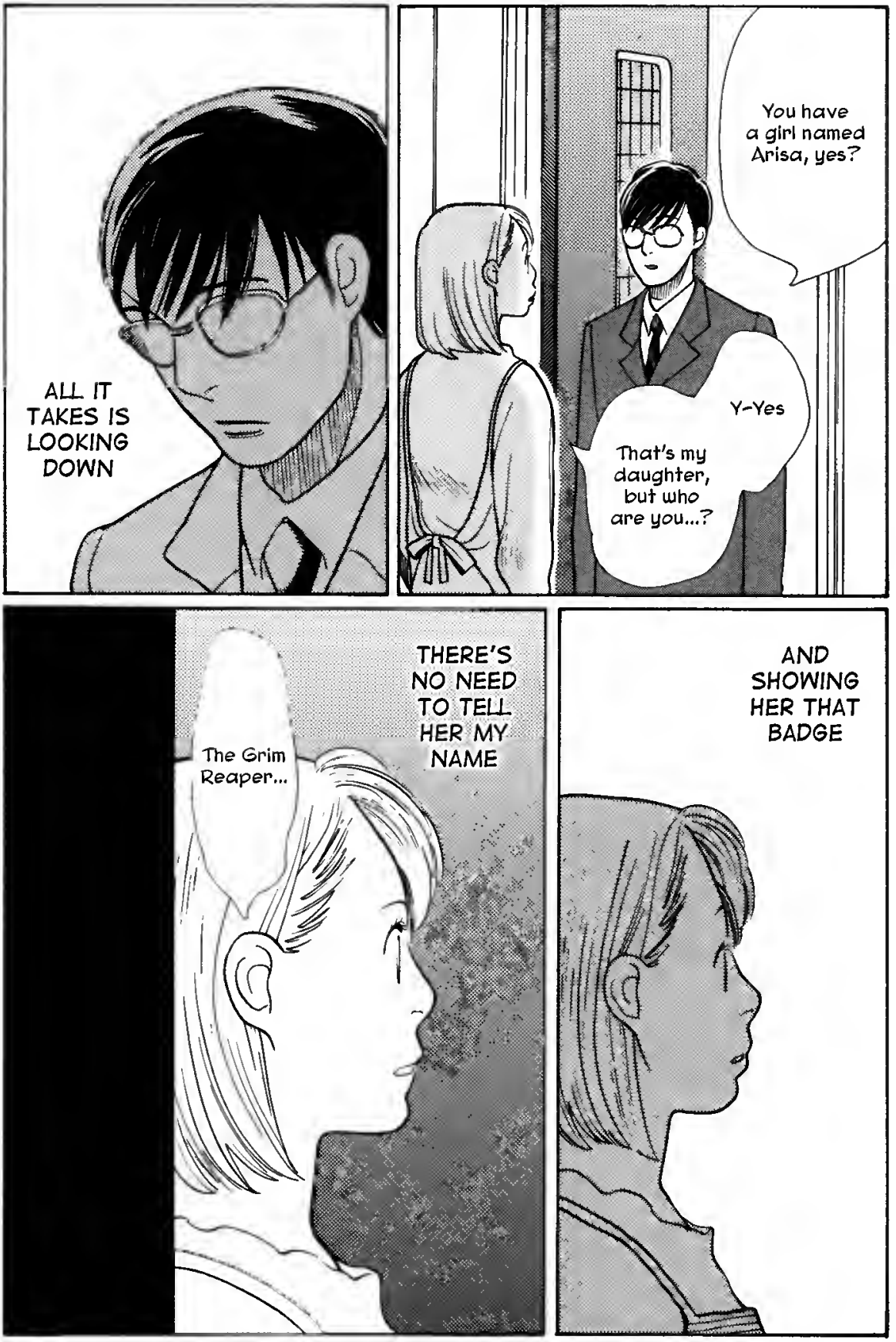
My rabbit...
died, so I'm burying it
What is it, kid?
It'll be traumatic for him if she tells him that she'll buy another one
I guess so
I guess she's comfort-ing him
Oh
Here comes Mom

Hahaha
No way
That kid will forget about it in no time
Did you think that someone was buried there?
I'll go in for a second
Ah, a gas station
Gasoline engine

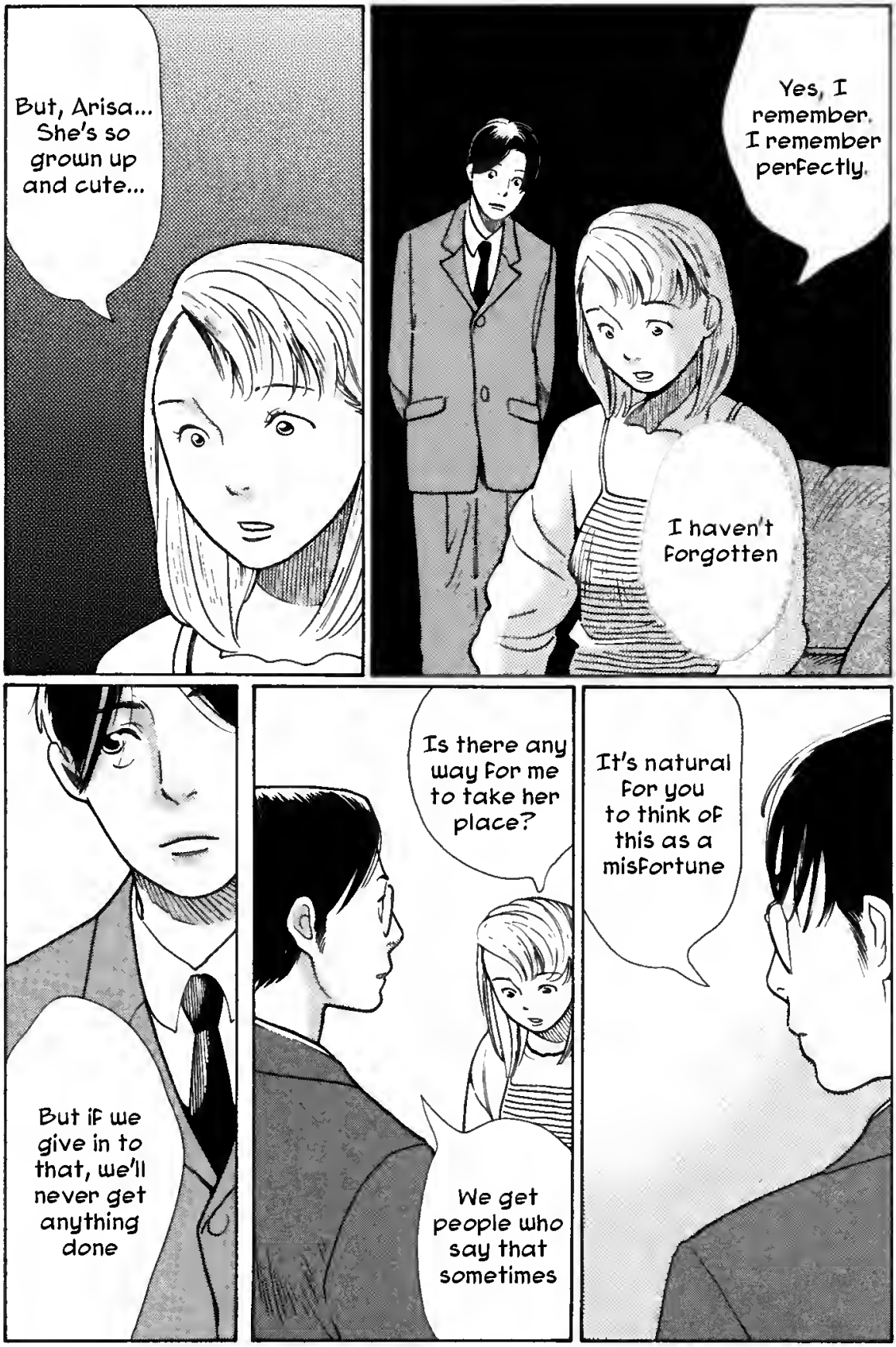
Welcome
Do you have business here today?
We're going to a place further down the road
Let's go---

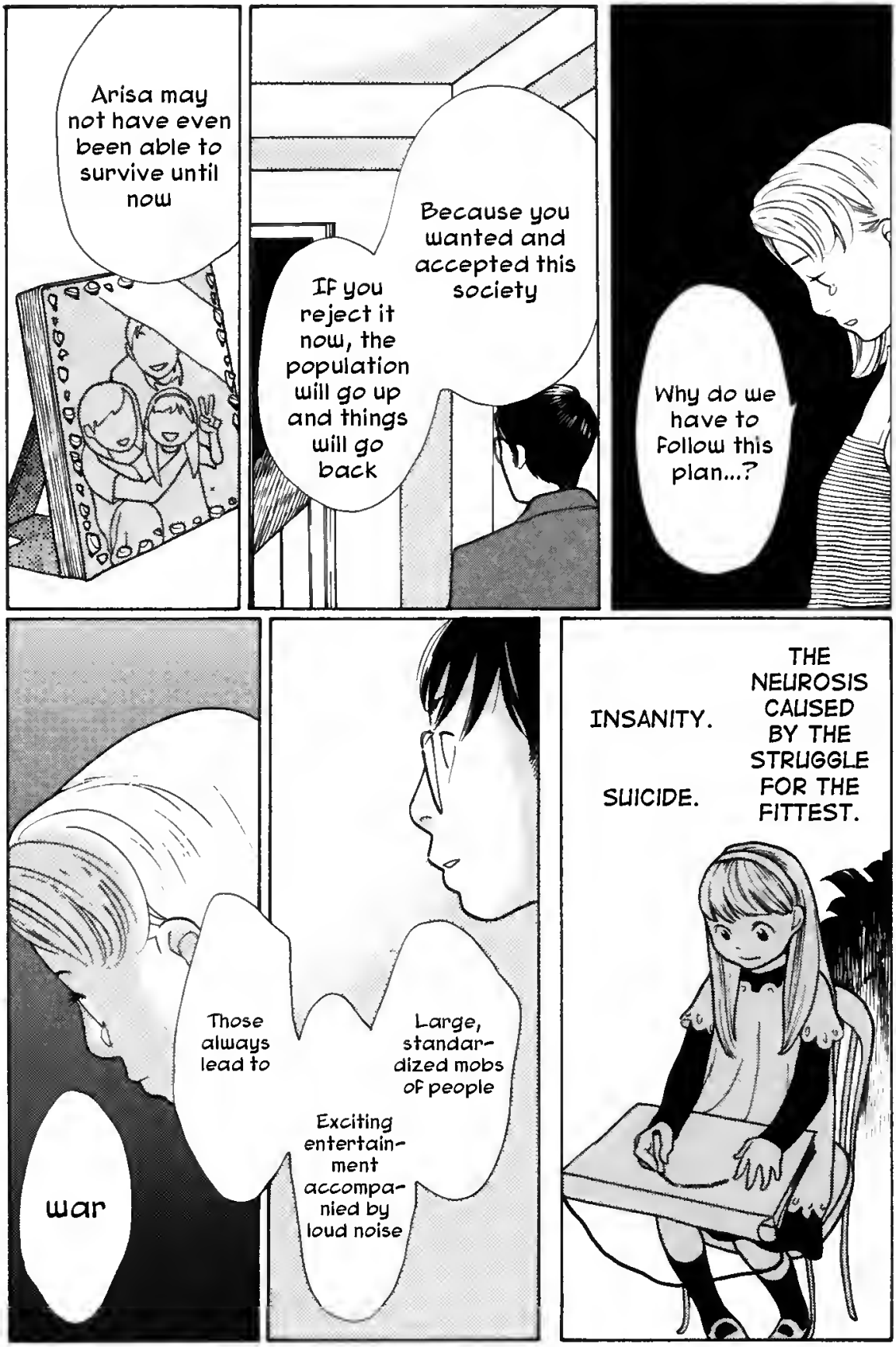
Thank you very much
See you later
ブオオオ…
Isn't it around here?
Just a bit further, then to the left
Left, huh
Ah, it's right around here. Stop here

Here
Coming---
ピンポーン

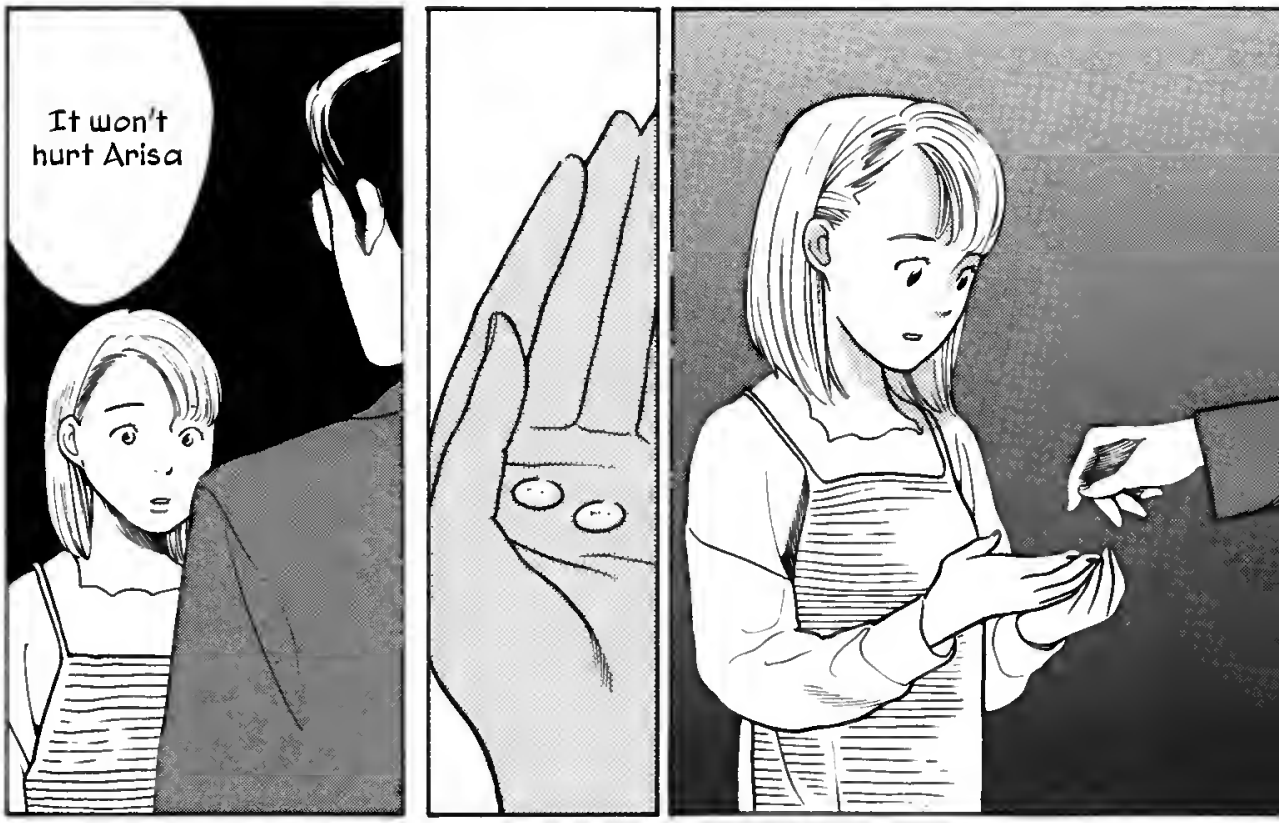

ALL IT TAKES IS LOOKING DOWN
You have a girl named Arisa, yes?
Y-Yes
That's my daughter, but who are you...?
AND SHOWING HER THAT BADGE
THERE'S NO NEED TO TELL HER MY NAME
The Grim Reaper...

Hm...
That was mean
It's Fine
Oh, are you awake?
No...
Let me introduce myself


But, Arisa... She's so grown up and cute...
Yes, I remember. I remember perfectly.
I haven't forgotten
But if we give in to that, we'll never get anything done
Is there any way for me to take her place?
We get people who say that sometimes
It's natural for you to think of this as a misfortune

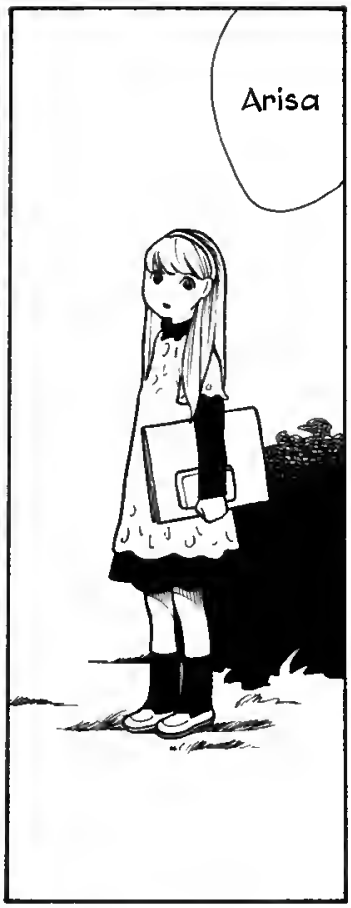

Arisa may not have even been able to survive until now
Because you wanted and accepted this society
If you reject it now, the population will go up and things will go back
Why do we have to follow this plan...?
THE NEUROSIS CAUSED BY THE STRUGGLE FOR THE FITTEST.
INSANITY.
SUICIDE.
Large, standardized mobs of people
Those always lead to
Exciting entertainment accompanied by loud noise
war

a really young one because it doesn't care about age
It chose
Is the computer fair?
Umm... I'll
I'll make some tea
You've already explained it hundreds of times
Even I can recite it
The right to live and the duty to die should be given out equally
You're already used to explaining, huh
Alright, better late than never
You should try it next time


It won't hurt Arisa

It's really good...
Don't say that
It's my new blend

Want to drink some tea?
Huh? I'll pass


Arisa

Where?
Hm
Hm--
Where to next?
What?
Tell me

THIS IS WHAT
IT'S LIKE
IN THE END